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1. REFTEL A REPORTS FULL TEXT FONMIN THOMPSON'S ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING DESTABILIZATION OF CARIBBEAN AND ESPECIALLY JAMAICA. WHILE THOMPSON CAN WITH A STRAIGHT FACE PLEAD THAT HE DID NOT MENTION THE U.S. BY NAME, NO ONE CAN MISUNDERSTAND HIS TARGET. MOREOVER, THE TEXT OF THE FULL STATEMENT IS ENTITLED "STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE MICHAEL MANLEY, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA, DELIVERED BY SENATOR THE HONORABLE DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS". IN SUM THOMPSON CLAIMED AT COLOMBO THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR PM MANLEY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AT THIS TIME THAT MANLEY IN FACT CLEARED THE FULL TEXT, BUT WE CAN ASSUME THAT HE CONCURRED IN ADVANCE WITH THE THRUST OF THE STATEMENT INCLUDING THE FACT THAT, OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES COVERED IN THE STATEMENT, DESTABILIZATION WAS GIVEN THE MOST EMPHASIS.

2. FORTUNATELY SO FAR THE ONLY MEDIA ATTENTION HERE HAS BEEN THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL B. NONETHELESS, THE STATEMENT ITSELF REPRESENTS PERHAPS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HIGH-LEVEL ATTACK YET MADE BY THE GOJ ON THE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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VIS-A-VIS DESTABILIZATION. MOST CERTAINLY IT IS THE

MOST IMPORTANT AND FORMAL DESTABILIZATION ALLEGATION SINCE PM MANLEY DECLARED A TRUCE IN HIS MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 23 (REFTEL C).

3. AMBASSADOR, WHO IS PRESENTLY ABSENT FROM JAMAICA, RETURNS EARLY NEXT WEEK AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL WISH COMMENT FURTHER AT THAT TIME. DORRANCE

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